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SUBJECT: VISIT TO SWEDEN OF CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER

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1. OFFICIAL VISIT TO SWEDEN OF CHIEF JUSTICE AND MRS. WARREN E. BURGER THUS FAR HAS BEEN EMINENTLY SUCCESSFUL. MEETINGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN AMERICAN CHIEF JUSTICE AND HIGHEST LEVEL OFFICIALS OF SWEDISH JUDICIAL SYSTEM INCLUDING CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT TORDEL NORDSTROM (OFFICIAL HOST), MINISTER OF JUSTICE LENNART GEIJER, CHIEF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR HOLGER ROMANDER, CHIEF JUSTICE STEN RUDHOLM OF THE SVEA COURT OF APPEAL, JUSTICE OMBUDSMAN ANDERS WIGELIUS, FIRST DEPUTY SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT TORSTEN BANGTSSON, AND PRESIDENT OF SWEDISH BAR ASSOCIATION LARS SAMZELIUS.

2. LECTURE DELIVERED BY CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER ON THE "AMERICAN DOCTRINE OF JUDICIAL REVIEW" AT STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY WAS WELL ATTENDED AND WARMLY RECEIVED.

3. VISIT HAS STIMULATED GOOD COVERAGE IN SWEDISH MEDIA. AS RESULT OF USIS-ARRANGED PRESS CONFERENCE GRANTED BY CHIEF JUSTICE ON SEPTEMBER 6, SEVERAL EXTENSIVE AND BALANCED ARTICLES ON HIS VIEWS ON THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM, THE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ISSUE IN THE U.S., THE QUESTION OF PRISONERS' CIVIL RIGHTS AND CONDITIONS IN FEDERAL PRISONS

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HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED THUS FAR IN BOTH NATIONAL AND REGIONAL

PRESS.

4. MRS. BURGER, UNFORTUNATELY, BECAME ILL SHORTLY AFTER
ARRIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 4 AND HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED IN STOCKHOLM
WITH VIRUS INFECTION. PROGNOSIS IS THAT SHE WILL MOST
PROBABLY RECOVER BY SEPTEMBER 10 AND BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY
THE CHIEF JUSTICE FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS PROGRAM IN
GOTHENBURG AND STOCKHOLM.
SMITH

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